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The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 17

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at Whites Residential and Family Service, 5233 S. 50 East.

VFW Wabash Post 286 plans fish fry

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 286 has planned a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at 3678 W. Old Indiana 24. The menu features hand-battered fish, baked beans, coleslaw and hush puppies. The cost of all-you-can-eat dine-in is \$8. Carry-out is available. For more information, call 260-563-2463.

BMV announces Martin Luther King Jr. holiday hours

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches will be closed Saturday, Jan. 18 through Monday, Jan. 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Tuesday, Jan. 21. For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit IN.gov/BMV.

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Ex-White's Residential employee charged with child sex felonies

Trail dates of 8:30 a.m. June 2 and 3 were set at Thursday's initial appearance

BY ROB BURGESS
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A criminal investigation by Indiana State Police (ISP) Det. Josh Maller resulted in the arrest Wednesday of Charles G. Marseilles Jr., Wabash, according to Sgt. Tony Slocum, public information officer.

Maller started an investigation after receiving informa-

tion from the Wabash County Division of the Indiana Department of Child Services that Marseilles, a former employee of the White's Residential and Family Services Facility, "allegedly performed sexual acts on a 16-year-old resident of the facility."

"The investigation revealed that in December 2019, Marseilles purportedly committed

sexual acts on [child] at the White's Residential and Family Services Facility," stated "At the time, Marseilles was employed, at the facility, as a campus life specialist."

A Plain Dealer request Thursday for more information from Mike Keaffaber, superintendent of MSD of Wabash County – which includes White's Jr./Sr. High School –

was referred to White's Residential and Family Services Facility.

"White's Residential and Family Services is not part of MSD of Wabash County where this individual was employed. You will need to contact White's (Residential and Family Services Facility)," he stated.

A Plain Dealer request sent

to White's Residential and Family Services Facility was not returned as of press time.

Maller served Marseilles with a Wabash Circuit Court arrest warrant alleging felony charges for child solicitation by a child care worker for sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct with a child and child

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PROVIDED PHOTOS

FAIR: Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Career, internship, graduate school fair set for March 4

BY ANNE GREGORY

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus.

Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50,



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SETUP: Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking.

WHS graduates to be awarded scholarships

Applications open to 2017 to 2019 graduates through March 6

STAFF REPORT

Wabash High School (WHS) announced they are preparing to award scholarship funds that have been endowed by the Lucille Camp Scholarship Foundation, according to a press release.

To be eligible to receive funds from the Lucille Camp Scholarship Trust, applicants must be either a

2019 graduate of Wabash High School or a student who graduated from Wabash High School within the last three years, including 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office at Wabash High School or on the WCS Website under High School-Scholarships.

Completed applications are due by Friday, March 6.

Pastor to be honored for 15 years of service

Robert Rensberger began at Wabash First Church of God on Jan. 1, 2005

STAFF REPORT

Pastor Robert Rensberger began his service as pastor of the Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St. on Jan. 1, 2005, according to a press release. The congregation will honor his 15 years of service during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Jan. 26, with Pastor David Phillips as the guest speaker.

"Following the service, lunch at a local eatery will further celebrate Rensberger and his family and their dedi-

cation," stated the release.

Rensberger was born in Warsaw and grew up in Nappanee, graduating from high school in 1987 and entering the Air Force shortly thereafter. He served four years of active duty and one year in the Air Force Reserves at Grissom Air Force Base.

During his active duty, he spent two years at Bentwaters-Woodbridge Air Force Base in East Anglia, England and a year and a half at Davis-Monthan Air Force

Base in Tuscon, Arizona as an aircraft mechanic working on A-10a Thunderbolt II aircraft.

"Occasionally, his military experiences become integrated as interesting illustrations in his sermons," stated the release.

After leaving the Air Force, Rensberger worked as an auto-truck mechanic in his father's business in Nappanee. During that time, his pastor's wife gave him the name and phone number of Sherlyn Adcock, who would become his wife.

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NWS issues Winter Weather Advisory

Wabash County, region advisory lasts from 4 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday

BY ROB BURGESS
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On Thursday, the National Weather Service (NWS) Northern Indiana issued a Winter Weather Advisory for Wabash County and the rest of area from 4 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday.

"Mixed precipitation expected," it stated. "Total snow accumulations of 2 to 4 inches and ice accumulations of a light glaze. Winds gusting as high as 35 mph."

In a phone interview, Mark Frazier, NWS Northern Indiana meteorologist, said the forecast for Wabash on Friday showed 1 to 3 inches possible new snow and sleet and potentially .1 inch of ice accumulation.

"Things become interesting starting (Friday) night," he said.

Travel may be dangerous. The advisory stretched from northern Indiana to southwest Michigan northwest Ohio.

"Travel could become difficult across the area Friday night into Saturday morning," it stated. "Hazardous travel conditions north of Route 30 will be the result of snow-covered roads and a light glaze of ice. South of Route 30 hazardous driving conditions will come from a mixture of wet snow and ice. Snow Friday evening

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Starbucks, home of the \$4 latte, is moving into poor areas

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Business Writer

DETROIT — Starbucks has a point to prove: There’s more to the company than selling \$4 lattes to rich people.

The Seattle-based coffee giant that has cultivated a reputation for being socially responsible said Thursday it is expanding its effort to put more coffee shops – and create more jobs – in poor neighborhoods.

Starbucks plans to open or remodel 85 stores by 2025 in rural and urban communities across the U.S. Each store will hire local staff, including construction crews and artists, and will have community event spaces. The company will also work with local United Way chapters to develop programs at each shop, such as youth job training classes and mentoring.

The effort will bring to 100 the number of “community stores” Starbucks has opened since it announced the program in 2015.

“All of these programs are with the intent of being purposeful and profitable,” said John Kelly, Starbucks executive vice president of public affairs and social impact.

Starbucks opened its first community store in Ferguson, Missouri, in 2016, two years after the riots that broke out over the shooting of an unarmed black man by police. It has added 13 more locations since then, including stores in Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, New Orleans and Jonesboro, Georgia. Another one will open this spring in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

Starbucks estimates the shops have created more than 300 jobs.

The project could help the company overcome lingering mistrust in some communities after the furor that erupted in 2018 when two black men waiting to meet someone in a Philadelphia Starbucks were arrested for not ordering anything. Starbucks mandated racial bias training at its 8,000 company-owned stores in response to that incident.

Kelly said the stores reflect Starbucks’ core belief in responsible capitalism. The coffee shops are profitable, he said, and have the same menu as regular Starbucks stores.

Prices vary, but not by much. A grande coconut milk latte in Ferguson costs \$4.95, according to Starbucks’ app. Six miles away, a Starbucks in University City charges \$5.25 for the same drink. In Jonesboro, a grande coffee is \$2.25. It’s \$2.45 at a Starbucks in downtown Atlanta.

“This is not charity. These are successful stores,” Kelly said, acknowledging neighbors’ skepticism. “We’re defying a lot of the stereotypes and we’re proud to do so.”

The Starbucks in Jonesboro lies on a busy road with strip malls and numerous chain restaurants. Business was brisk on Thursday afternoon, with a dozen or so customers inside and a steady stream of cars at the drive-thru.

A man who was walking by the store and gave his name as Leroy Z said he is glad Starbucks is giving locals another choice for coffee beyond the fast-food restaurants in town.

But he was skeptical about how much Starbucks cares about the community and how much the store will bolster the local economy.

“They wouldn’t be here if they didn’t think they could make money,” he said. “They’re here because this is a main drag to Atlanta.”

Brett Theodos, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute who studies economic development, said he has visited Starbucks’ community stores in Chicago and Baltimore, and they seemed to be providing a service – and, more important, jobs – that those neighborhoods wouldn’t otherwise have.






“I can’t think either of a retailer, especially one that has more of a discretionary, higher-end purchase, being willing to push into neighborhoods and markets that have less purchasing power,” Theodos said. “Starbucks usually appears when a neighborhood has the purchasing power to support it.”

He also applauded Starbucks’ plan to add community rooms in the stores, since low-income neighborhoods often don’t have many places to gather.

But he thinks the impact will be limited. One Starbucks store won’t cause a neighborhood to gentrify, he said.





The program is unusual for a big chain. Starbucks has one advantage: Unlike McDonald’s, which relies on franchisees, Starbucks owns its standalone U.S. stores and can open them wherever it wants to.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Friday Chance Snow 31 / 23	 Saturday Rain Likely 40 / 6	 Sunday Mostly Cloudy 10 / 4	 Monday Partly Cloudy 14 / 6	 Tuesday Partly Cloudy 20 / 12
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:47 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:09 a.m.

 Last 1/17	 New 1/24	 First 2/1	 Full 2/9
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 35% chance of snow, high temperature of 31°, humidity of 59%. East wind 7 to 14 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 23°. Southeast wind 16 mph.

New research indicates paleo diet isn’t good for your heart

DEAR DOCTOR: I’ve been doing paleo for a month, and I have lost 12 pounds. Now my mom is talking about a new study that says the diet is not good for your heart. Can you explain? Do you think it’s the same for keto?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



D E A R READER: You’re referring to two popular approaches to weight loss that have captured the attention of many dieters. For those who may not be familiar with these eating plans, both entail limiting carbohydrate intake in some way. They also include a focus on proteins – typically poultry, meat, fish and eggs – as well as fats.

The paleo diet – that’s short for Paleolithic – relies on the nutrients that would have been available to our ancient ancestors through hunting and gathering during the Old Stone Age era. It eliminates foods obtained by farming and herding, such as legumes, grains and dairy products. The diet dates back to the 1970s, but it boomed in popularity beginning in 2002 after the publication of a paleo diet book. The paleo diet includes lean meats and fish, and limited amounts of certain fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds.

The ketogenic diet, shortened to keto, was developed in the 1920s to manage some kinds of epilepsy. It recommends that fats account for 55 percent to 60 percent of daily nutrient intake, and that carbs make up no more than 10 percent of the daily diet. This leaves the remaining 30 percent to 35 percent of calories for protein.

Both diets trigger a metabolic process known as ketosis, which occurs in the absence of adequate carbohydrates, the body’s go-to energy source. It’s a lot more complex than we have time for in this column, but the bottom line is that when in ketosis, the body burns stored fat for energy.

Due to widespread interest in paleo and keto diets, and because each restricts various

foods with essential nutrients, including vitamins, minerals, micronutrients and fiber, researchers are taking a closer look. Your mother is referring to a study published last summer in the European Journal of Nutrition. Scientists monitored the gut microbiomes of 45 people following the paleo diet, and compared them to a control group eating a balanced diet. After one year, the paleo group had significantly higher levels of a molecule known as TMAO (for fellow science nerds, that’s trimethylamine N-oxide), a marker associated with heart disease. The diversity of the gut microbiomes of the paleo group was also adversely affected.

Given the restrictive nature of these diets, as well as their high levels of meat and saturated fats, the results of the study are not surprising. This particular research didn’t look at the keto diet, but other studies have pointed to similar long-term health risks. In the short-term, however, we think low- and no-carb diets can be useful tools. We have seen this among our own patients, who use a low-carb approach to jump-start weight loss. We recommend that they minimize animal and saturated fats and instead focus on lean meats, seafood and plant-based fats, and then gradually transition to a well-rounded and sustainable diet.

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After talking a few times on the phone, they first met in person at the Northern Indiana Church of God Campmeeting at Yellow Creek Lake in August 1993. A year later, he proposed to her on the stage during the Thursday night worship service of the campmeeting.

“Since that was in front of about 400 people, he was very confident she would say, ‘Yes,’” stated the release.

They were married in the tabernacle Aug. 12, 1995, again during the Northern Indian Church of God Campmeeting. They have two grown children, a daughter, Michal, who works in a bakery in Indianapolis and a son Tim, who is working as a plumbing apprentice in Cincinnati, Ohio.

While preparing for the pastoral ministry, Rensberger worked at Cutting Edge Machine and Tool in New Paris as a computer numerically controlled (CNC) programmer, setup



PROVIDED PHOTO

PASTOR: Pastor Robert Rensberger began his service as pastor of the Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St. on Jan. 1, 2005.

person and operator.

He was ordained in 2003, by the Church of God with headquarters in Anderson.

Since moving to Wabash, the Rensbergers have been very active in the community, as well as the church.

He volunteers in the Alternative School program for the Wabash City Schools (WCS), as a chaplain at Wabash Parkview Hospital and is secretary of the Wabash Area Ministerial Association.

to name a few of his activities.

He and Sherlyn are foster parents through White’s Residential program and Sherlyn also does substitute teaching for the WCS.

“It has been a true blessing to have the Rensberger family serving this congregation and to work with them in the many projects they promote within the church,” stated Dorothy Carpenter, church secretary.

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will transition to sleet and then freezing rain Friday night into Saturday morning. This wintry mix will then change over to all rain late Saturday morning. Slow down and use caution while traveling.”

Flooding continues

On Thursday, minor river flooding was expected to continue.

Frazier said the Wabash River at Wabash was in the action stage as of 11 a.m. Thursday at 12.7 feet.

“It’s forecast to keep falling to just above action stage, which is 10 feet,” he said. “That should occur sometime late Saturday morning and then remain right around 10 feet into Monday of next week. It should go below and stay below action stage through the holiday weekend.”

Frazier said the Eel River is well below action stage, which is 9 feet.


“As of 11 a.m. Thursday it just a little bit below 6 feet,” he said. “It’s been a downward trend since it crested at about just over 11 feet Sunday of last weekend.”

Frazier said the total normal liquid precipitation for January in Wabash is generally right around 2.4 inches.

“That takes into account any form that it falls in,”

he said. “The rainfall from last weekend, we easily reached that amount just in that weekend. So anything

that occurred before or will occur over the new couple weeks will easily surpass the normal.”



Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, January 17– Thursday, January 23

All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

Bad Boys for Life (R) Fri: 6:50, 9:40 Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40 Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50 Mon– Thurs: 6:50	Like a Boss (R) Fri: 7:10, 9:15 Sat: 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:15 Sun: 1:50, 4:35, 7:10 Mon– Thurs: 7:10	Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13) Fri: 6:30, 9:20 Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20 Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30 Mon– Thurs: 6:30
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Dolittle (PG) Fri: 7:00, 9:30 Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30 Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00 Mon– Thurs: 7:00	Underwater (PG13) Fri: 6:40, 8:55 Sat: 1:20, 4:05, 6:40, 8:55 Sun: 1:20, 4:05, 6:40 Mon– Thurs: 6:40
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Lotto Plus
03-08-20-30-31-44
Daily Three-Midday
0-0-7, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
6-0-8, SB:
Daily Four-Midday
7-5-7-5, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
6-1-7-2, SB:
Hoosier Lotto
09-11-15-22-29-34
Jackpot: \$7 million
Mega Millions
Jackpot: \$103 million
Powerball
39-41-53-55-68, Powerball: 19, Power Play: 2
Jackpot: \$296 million

THURSDAY’S METALS

Aluminum80
Copper	2.83
Lead86
Zinc	1.07
Gold	1,551.17
Silver	17.96
Platinum	1,009.39

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices
Thursday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.98.
Soybeans: \$9.07.



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Trump boosts school prayer, faith groups as he rallies

BY COLLIN BINKLEY and ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

In a bid to solidify his evangelical base, President Donald Trump took steps Thursday to give religious organizations easier access to federal programs and he reaffirmed students' rights to pray in public schools.

Under orders from Trump, nine Cabinet departments proposed rules intended to remove "regulatory burdens" on religious organizations participating in federal programs by eliminating a requirement that they refer people to alternative providers upon request. Much of that follows through on an executive order Trump from 2018 that aims to put religious groups on equal footing when competing for federal grants and other funding.

At the same time, the Education Department issued its first updated guidance on school prayer since 2003. While Trump promised "big action" this month, the new guidance appears to make few major changes.

The expansion of faith-based groups' ability to participate in government programs is a significant show of support for an evangelical constituency long a vital part of Trump's base and it follows a Christian magazine's call for his removal from office.

Trump planned to announce the guidance on school prayer at a White House event later Thursday. A directive orders states to verify that school districts have no policies limiting constitutionally protected prayer and to refer violators to the Edu-

cation Department. That's much like the 2003 guidance, but the directive goes further in requiring states to provide ways for making complaints against schools.

Students can pray on their own or together during lunch or other free times, for example, and student speakers can pray at assemblies or sports games as long as they weren't chosen to speak based on their religious perspectives, according to the guidance.

"Our actions today will protect the constitutional rights of students, teachers, and faith-based institutions," Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said in a statement.

Hours before Trump's event, federal agencies announced moves to bolster faith-based organizations. For example, a proposal from the Department of Health and Human Services would eliminate a requirement that religious-based social service organizations inform clients that they can also receive services from groups without connection to a particular religion.

Civil rights advocates said the administration risked empowering discriminatory behavior in the name of religious freedom.

The regulations "will make it more difficult to access critical social services, just because someone is LGBTQ or a different faith," the American Civil Liberties Union tweeted. "It's 2020 and religious freedom is STILL not a license to harm others."

But Johnnie Moore, a member of Trump's evan-

gelical advisory board, lauded the moves as a fresh sign of Trump's commitment to religious freedom.

"The White House isn't saying whether one should pray or to whom or what they should pray to," Moore said by email. He added that "they are simply making it clear that in the United States students have First Amendment rights also, and our 'separation of church and state' wasn't intended to suppress a vibrant religious life in America but to facilitate it."

About 8 in 10 self-identified white evangelical Protestants approved of Trump's performance, according to AP-NORC polling last month. But the president has nonetheless moved to shore up his already strong connection to this bloc since an editorial in the magazine Christianity Today called for his removal from office.

By returning attention to school prayer, Trump could revive a debate that had largely fallen to the periphery of national politics in recent years. Calls for stronger school prayer protections reached a crescendo in the 1980s and 1990s, with champions including President Ronald Reagan.

Public schools have been barred from leading students in classroom prayer since 1962, when the Supreme Court said it violated a First Amendment clause forbidding the establishment of a government religion. Later decisions extended the ban to school graduation ceremonies and, under certain circumstances, school athletic games.

Civil liberties groups say the firewall protects religious minorities and ensures fair treatment of all faiths. But many on the Christian right say courts and schools have pushed too far against the right to free religious expression.

Also Thursday, the White House Office of Management and Budget said in a memo that agencies must work to bring grant-making by entities that receive federal money, as well as their own grant-making, in line with the Supreme Court's interpretation of the First Amendment.

Trump's 2018 executive order created the White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative, a successor to previous White House faith-based initiatives. Leading the effort now is longtime Trump faith adviser and pastor Paula White. Her appointment in November drew opposition from religious progressives who object to White's association with the "prosperity gospel," an assertion that God rewards believers with personal and financial success.

One prominent secular group, the nonprofit Freedom from Religion Foundation, views the federal regulations for faith-based groups as "a very bad move," co-president Annie Laurie Gaylor said by email. Gaylor said most of the proposals "appear to cover no real new ground," but added, "How he portrays the rules may be very different from the reality."

She spoke of a "missed opportunity" by the administration to provide "guidance about not crossing the line" to schools and teachers on requiring students to

Indiana returning 4 state takeover schools to local control

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana State Board of Education is returning three Indianapolis schools and a Gary school to local control, ending state takeovers prompted by students' poor academic performance.

Members of the State Board of Education voted 6-2 Wednesday to allow Indianapolis Public Schools to regain control this summer of Emma Donnan Middle School and Thomas Carr Howe and Emmerich Manual high schools. Florida-based Charter Schools USA was hired in 2012 to turn around the three schools after the

state assumed control of them following six consecutive years of low student scores on standardized exams.

Board member Peter Miller said the takeover process had come to an end but it was not a failure, WFYI-FM reported.

"They did what they were asked to do and the end of the contract is here," he said.

The Indianapolis school district plans to close Thomas Carr Howe High School this summer. District officials said a committee will then take about a year to "reimagine" what should happen to the campus.

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depending on the type of employer.

Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150.

For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>.

Employers with questions can email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester will accept gently used

professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or to Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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solicitation by a child care worker engaged in fondling or touching of a child 16 to 17 years of age.

According to court records, Wabash Circuit Court set the bond Wednesday at \$10,000 surety and \$250 cash.

At Thursday's initial appearance before Judge Robert McCallen, Marseilles and his attorney, Bridget Nicole Foust, pled not guilty. The trial dates of 8:30 a.m. June

2 and 3 were set. A pretrial conference was set for 1 p.m. May 4.

"As a condition of bond, the defendant is to have no direct or indirect contact with the alleged victim herein," stated the court.

Maller was assisted in this investigation by ISP Det. Mike Lorona and the Wabash County Prosecutors Office.

"All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law," stated Slocum.

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Swayzee Lions Club plans euchre event

The Swayzee Lions Club has planned a euchre event for Saturday, Jan. 18 at Swayzee United Methodist Church, 306 S. Washington St., Swayzee. The entry fee is \$12.50. Registration will last from noon to 12:45 p.m. Play begins at 1 p.m. There will be cash prizes for Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two entry fee drawings. Soft drinks, hot dogs, chips, popcorn and candy will be available for a donation. All proceeds support the Lions Club Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Joe Hamilton at 765-922-7280 or Terry Shaw at 765-667-4848.

Honeywell Singers Show Choir officially launches

Registration for Honeywell Singers is open through Monday, Jan. 27. A Meet the Director Reception will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19 in the Nixon Room at the Honeywell Center. For more information, email Teresa Galley at tgalley@honeywellfoundation.org or call 260-274-1412.

Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 21

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Paradise Spring to hold annual

meeting, soup supper

Paradise Spring will hold its annual meeting and soup supper carry-in at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the multi-purpose room of the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St. The meal is free but reservations are appreciated and should be made by Monday, Jan. 20. For more information, call 260-571-2879.

Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 22

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Experience the 'Silence of a Winter's Night'

Enjoy the "Silence of a Winter's Night" from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$10 per person, and space is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

Manchester University plans Spring Convocation

The Spring Convocation is at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, the first day of classes, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Wabash Tri Kappa to sponsor 14th Annual Winter Gala

The gala will take place

Saturday, Feb. 1, at Heartland REMC, 250 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased by Tuesday, Jan. 28. Tickets may be purchased from Tri Kappa Members or at the following locations: Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St.; Friermood Tire & Alignment, 1699 Stitt St.; and the dental office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-563-1128.

February Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services interpretive naturalist Lynnanne Fager will share her personal experiences with Indiana bald eagles. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

United Methodist Church plans community dinner

The United Methodist Church will be hosting a community dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at 306 E. Second St. The menu includes baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, roll, dessert and

drink. Ticket cost for adults is \$8.50 and children ages 7 to 12 are \$5, children under 6 are free. Carry-outs available at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome. North Manchester United Methodist Church is handicapped-accessible, with parking in the rear of the church and the East Second Street parking lot.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ will host Night to Shine 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. For additional information, visit www.bachelorcreek.com.

Honeywell Foundation's annual art competition open The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m.

every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

DivorceCare to meet every Tuesday

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to a press release. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office@wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

'Death by Chocolate' tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater's winter comedy "Death by Chocolate" will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley

Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Roveltstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization's largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

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Daily scripture

For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

2 Corinthians 4:11

Americans want a fair impeachment trial

When Chief Justice John Roberts swore in all 100 senators as jurors for the impeachment trial of Donald John Trump, each promised to "do impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws."

But the Founders were clear eyed and prescient about the political realities of judging a president. "The greatest danger (is) that the decision will be regulated more by the comparative strength of parties than by the real demonstrations of innocence or guilt." Alexander Hamilton wrote of the impeachment process in Federalist No. 65.

That certainly appears to be the case as the Trump impeachment, just the third such trial in U.S. history, shifts from the Democratic-controlled House to the Senate, where Republicans hold a 53-47 majority. With 67 votes needed to remove Trump from office, his acquittal seems assured.

Even so, 62 percent of Americans polled recently expressed the hope that a fair trial is possible.

To their credit this week, senators rebuffed pressure from Trump and his allies to short-circuit the proceedings. Trump twice tweeted that the Senate should simply dismiss the "Impeachment Hoax" short of trial. To do otherwise, he argued, would give credence to the allegations against him.

But Senate Republican leaders, recognizing that outright dismissal would risk fierce blowback against some GOP candidates, promised full airing of House articles that

Trump abused his power trying to extort political favors from Ukraine and then obstructed Congress' investigation.

What should such an airing look like? To an American public familiar with courtroom dramas, a search for truth involves evidence, documents and relevant witnesses.

Yet Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell — who promised Fox News last month that "there will be no difference between the president's position and our position" on running a trial — has mocked the notion of calling new witnesses.

"Nothing in our history or our Constitution ... insist that the Senate fill in the blanks," he said from the Senate floor Tuesday.

McConnell didn't mention the reason those blanks exist: White House stonewalling that blocked the testimony of key aides and release of key documents. Sooner or later, truth tends to seep out. In this case, it turned out to be sooner. Just since the House voted Dec. 18 to impeach Trump:

■ Highly redacted emails — obtained through the Freedom of Information Act by the Center for Public Integrity and released Dec. 20 — provided further proof of White House efforts to hide the suspension of nearly \$400 million in military aid to Ukraine, the leverage Trump was using to extort political favors from Kyiv.

■ Just Security, an online analysis forum, reported Jan. 2 that other

government emails showed concerns by the Pentagon about the legality of withholding that crucial military aid to Ukraine.

■ Former national security adviser John Bolton, who has direct knowledge of Trump's actions and conversations regarding Ukraine, said Jan. 6 that he'd testify in an impeachment trial if subpoenaed.

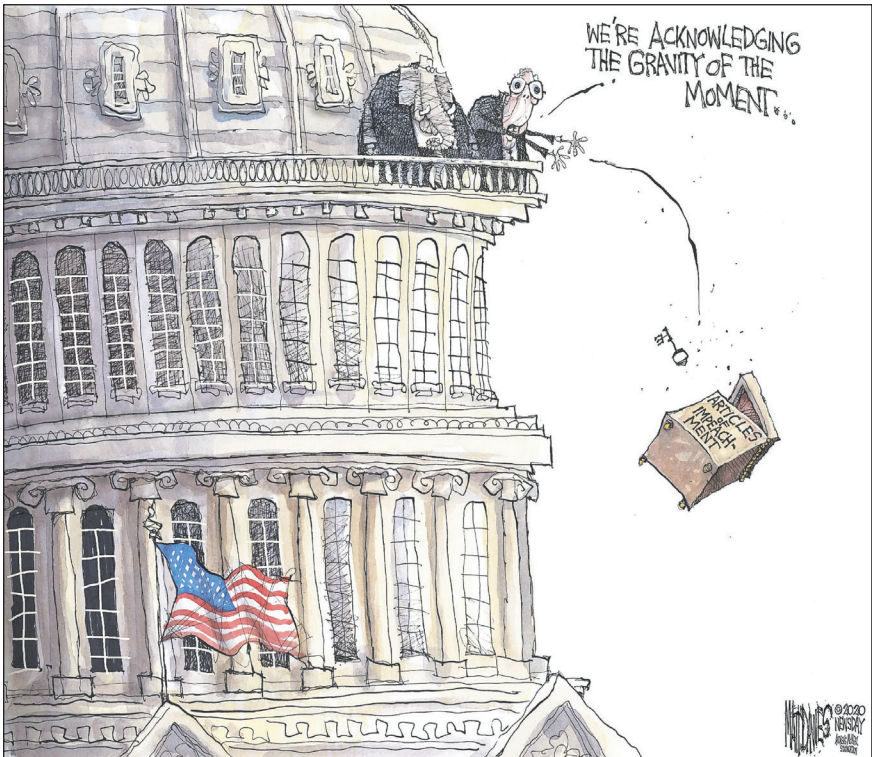
■ On Monday, a California cybersecurity firm announced that in November, Russia successfully hacked the Ukrainian gas company that employed Democratic candidate Joe Biden's son, Hunter, and is at the heart of the impeachment inquiry.

■ Further evidence of Trump's efforts to pressure Ukraine to announce an investigation of the Bidens surfaced Tuesday, when House committees released documents provided by Lev Parnas, who is facing a federal indictment and is an associate of Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani.

With a simple majority of 51 votes, senators can summon witnesses like Bolton or Parnas, or demand previously denied government communications bearing on impeachment. Just four of the 53 Republicans would have to agree to join the Democrats to make that happen.

It would go a long way toward reassuring the American people that the process isn't rigged, even if the outcome appears preordained.

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Donald Trump is the most pro-Taiwan president in U.S. history

Donald Trump is arguably the most pro-Taiwan president in U.S. history. On Trump's watch, U.S. warships sail through the Taiwan Strait — the international waters separating Taiwan from China — on a routine basis, compared with just one to three times a year under Barack Obama. While both Obama and George W. Bush refused Taiwan's requests to buy U.S. F-16s for fear of provoking Beijing's ire, Trump approved the fighter-jet sale — the first since 1992. And after the 2016 election, Trump became the first U.S. leader to speak directly with a Taiwanese leader since the United States broke diplomatic relations in 1979 when he accepted a congratulatory call from President Tsai Ing-wen.

That's good news, because Taiwan has never needed America's support more than it does now. Last week, the people of Taiwan delivered a stinging rebuke to China when they defeated the pro-Beijing Nationalists and reelected Tsai in a landslide. More than a year ago, Tsai appeared to be finished after her Democratic Progressive Party suffered huge losses to the Nationalists in local elections. But last week, despite massive Chinese efforts to bolster her opponent, Tsai won a record 8.2 million votes, more than any Taiwanese leader since the start of direct presidential elections in 1996.

What changed? China's crackdown in Hong Kong, that's what. Beijing claims Taiwan as a province and wants it to accept Chinese sovereignty under the same "one country,

two systems" principle by which it rules Hong Kong. And after watching Beijing trample over Hong Kong, the Taiwanese people want nothing to do with "one country, two systems" and decided to send China a clear message. As Taiwan's foreign minister Joseph Wu said in an interview, "young voters here in Taiwan, they see the young demonstrators in Hong Kong fighting for their freedom and democracy (and realized) if they don't come out and try to save our country through the democratic process, Taiwan might become a second Hong Kong."

If China's Communist leaders were capable of introspection, they would realize they screwed up. All they had to do was leave Hong Kong alone, continue to collect its riches and watch as the Nationalists in Taiwan took power. Instead, with their brutality, they created a wave of anti-China sentiment in both places.

It is unlikely that Chinese President Xi Jinping will learn from his mistakes and back off. Instead, China will probably seek to punish Taiwan. The question is in what form that punishment might come. Beijing might seek to coerce Taiwan economically by scrapping trade privileges under the economic cooperation pact it signed with Tsai's Nationalist predecessor. Like its crackdown in Hong Kong, such a move would backfire on China — pushing Taiwan to diversify its economy and become less dependent on trade with the mainland. The Trump administration has a strategic and economic opportunity to help Taiwan do that by negotiating a new U.S.-Taiwan free trade agreement. A free trade deal should be a no-brainer for Trump — a chance to bolster the U.S. economy, increase U.S. exports, raise pressure

on China and rack up a big win on Capitol Hill all in one fell swoop.

The more worrisome possibility is that China will respond militarily. The conventional wisdom holds that so long as Taiwan does not declare formal independence, Beijing will not invade. But, as the American Enterprise Institute's Oriana Skylar Mastro points out, there is a real danger that the lesson Beijing takes from Tsai's reelection is that "the only way Taiwan will ever reunify with mainland China is at the end of a gun."

To keep the peace, the United States must enhance its deterrence posture with China. One way to do so would be to deploy new conventional intermediate-range ballistic missiles to East Asia. China is aggressively building and deploying such missiles, but the United States was banned from doing so under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty with Russia. This put the United States at a strategic disadvantage in any military standoff, because China knows our only possible response options in a conflict is to target the mainland with intercontinental ballistic missiles — an unacceptable escalation. Thanks to Trump's decision to withdraw from the INF Treaty, we can now deploy conventional medium-range missiles — a move that would restore U.S. military supremacy in the Pacific and improve our ability to deter Chinese aggression.

As we learned from our recent standoff with Iran, totalitarian regimes have a tendency to miscalculate. It took a military strike to restore deterrence with Iran; we should not wait to restore deterrence with China.

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Time is on Taiwan's side

With the totalitarians' talent for invective and the Leninist faith that "history" has a Marxist mind of its own, a Beijing-run "news" agency dismissed Taiwan's presidential election results as "a temporary fluke" and "bubbles left behind by the tides of history." Actually, this election, just 48 days after Hong Kong's resounding repudiation of Beijing in November voting, is another boulder in a growing avalanche of evidence, from the islands of Hong Kong and Taiwan to Central Europe, that China need not be accommodated.

The landslide reelection of President Tsai Ing-wen happened despite Beijing's strenuously expressed objections, economic pressures (e.g., refusing visas to tourists wanting to visit Taiwan, where tourism produces more than 4 percent of GDP), military intimidation (last year, Beijing's fighter jets crossed the median line in the Taiwan Strait for the first time in two decades) and surreptitious but flagrant electoral interference.

In a January 2019 speech, China's President Xi Jinping declared that Taiwan (the Republic of China) "must and will be" reunited with the People's Republic of China because this is "the great trend in history." Last September a Twitter account believed to be controlled by Beijing said "once we have dealt with Hong Kong, we will settle the scores with Taiwan, military unification is unavoidable."

Actually, Hong Kong has dealt with Beijing. Taiwanese voters saw many months of massive Hong Kong protests against Beijing's attempts to slowly suffocate the city's freedom. These attempts have revealed the nonsensical nature of the "one country, two systems" fudge by which China disguises the despotic future it envisions for both Hong Kong and Taiwan. They will not go gently into the totalitarian night that Evan Osnos describes in The New Yorker:

"Xi believes that orthodox commitment to Communism is paramount as his country fends off Western influences. ... In a modern twist, 90 million party members have been given an app loaded with Xi's speeches, quizzes about his life story, and videos on history. (The app keeps track of what they finish.)"

There is the essence of totalitarianism: Not that you cannot participate in politics, but that you must participate.

The Taiwan question, Xi says, "should not be passed down generation after generation." What question? Taiwan has been effectively a sovereign nation for generations. Taiwan is independent — it has its own legislature, currency, travel documents, diplomats, etc. — and only a major war (America is committed to defending Taiwan against attempts to change its status by force) can alter this. A bilateral U.S.-Taiwan trade agreement should be the next acknowledgement of Taiwan's sovereignty.

Time is on Taiwan's side. There is a steady increase in the majority of Taiwan's 23.5 million people who self-identify as Taiwanese rather than Chinese. In last Saturday's legislative elections, the average age of candidates from Tsai's party (38) was almost 25 years younger than those of the principal opposition party.

Youth will be served. In a Washington Post column last month, Zdenek Hrib, the 38-year-old mayor of Prague, noted that in 2019 China canceled its invitation to four Czech musical ensembles because Tibet's flag flies over Prague's city hall. China is attempting to extinguish Tibet's national identity. Hrib also wrote, "Being a doctor, I have also publicly condemned the forced extraction of organs from members of the Muslim Uighur minority and other prisoners of the (Beijing) regime." Furthermore, Prague balked when Beijing insisted on — Hrib's predecessor as mayor had agreed to — a clause in a "sister-city" agreement that renounced the independence of Tibet and Taiwan. China canceled the agreement. So, on Monday Prague signed a sister-city agreement with Taipei, Taiwan's capital where Hrib spent two months as a medical student, and where he has been made an honorary citizen. "I vowed during the campaign," Hrib says, "that I would return to our hallowed post-communist traditions of honoring democracy and human rights."

The Financial Times reports that when, at a reception welcoming diplomats to Prague, China's ambassador demanded that Taiwan's representative be expelled from the reception, Hrib replied that he does not throw out invited guests. "So he repeated his request multiple times, and blocked the queue of other ambassadors waiting for my welcome. They were tapping his shoulder and saying: 'Maybe you could do this somewhere else.'"

Bad manners and execrable behavior can both be reflections of a disrespect for civilized norms by a bully invoking "history" as his alibi. China is learning, contrary to its ideology, that people make history, not the other way around.

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CHURCH NEWS

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Jan. 19 at Asbury Country Church the Sunday school is 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader will be Amy Bullick. The music leader will be Roger Marine. The piano will be played by Cathy Staggs. The morning message by Pastor Mike Bullick will be, “Faithful and Humble.”

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Jan. 19 worship services at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lago, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. The message for the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. services in our January Mythbusters Series will be “Forgiving Means Forgetting?” from 2 Samuel 12:13-14. The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. Children’s Church at the 10:30 a.m. service will be led by Kelly and Lynnette Good.

First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Jan. 19, at First United Methodist Church, 110 Cass St., worship services will be at 8 and 10 a.m., with a coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service in the MAC. At the 8 a.m. service, the prelude and postlude will be by Kathy Geible, and the opening prayer, scripture reading and children’s message will be by Pastor Nathan Whybrew. At both the 8 and 10 a.m. services, the scripture will be Exodus 4:1-17, the sermon series will be “New Year, Knew You” and the sermon by Pastor Nathan Whybrew will be, “Just Send Someone Else.” At the 10 a.m. service, the prelude will be by Bettie Miller, the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by the Micah Higgins, the children’s message by Dave Mann, the music will be by the Chancel Choir, and the postlude will be by Susan Vanlandingham. Visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfirstumc/>.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the 10:30 a.m. Jan. 12 services at the Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., Pastor Doug Veal will be discussing “Fishers of Men?” based on Matthew 4:12-23. Children’s church and nursery are available during worship times. Church and sanctuary are handicapped accessible. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Our Bible Study over the book of Philippians meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19 service, Pastor Robb Rensberger’s sermon is titled, “Abram/Abraham: A Man of Mercy.” Sunday servants are Sue White, chair-

person; Sherry Whitt, worship; Rose Sands and Nancy Kolb, special music; Nancy Kolb, piano and Rose Sands, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

At the Sunday, Jan. 19 services at the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school will be at 9 a.m., and the worship and children’s worship will be at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn. The youth pastor is Jody Tyner. Our greeters for this Sunday will be Maury and Mim Musselman, and Kevin and Kelly Ross. Pastor Greg Wilburn will be sharing the message with us. We invite all to come and worship with us. Visit our website at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

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God’s plan for you

BY JERRY GAUTHIER
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A reading from Isaiah 42:5-9: “Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ‘I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.’”

What is your reaction as we are now full steam ahead into this new year? Everybody figures the past is what has been done and the future is whatever we make it. Sinful humanity naturally believes we are in control. In order to be in control, the final answer must be to reject anything we cannot control. As a result, this especially includes what comes from a gracious and loving God for a sinful world. Humanity needs to debunk God’s work of faithfulness in the past and any need for Him at the present. Yet, this comes with big ramifications. It limits hope to be in the hands of sinners and not the Lord’s love for us. No wonder the motto in

our society is to, “plan, plan, plan.” Everyone runs around making every calculation to leave nothing to chance. It means everything needs to appear just right on paper in order to present a certain kind of comfort. Even while dealing with problems we seek to pass plenty of blame, because the last thing anyone wants to face is their own failure. We have to be in control. It is almost as if we rehearse our future now like actors. Our performance rests upon the goal of a director, but that director happens to be us. Few understand that our plans for life lay before God who is a far better planner.

Let us thank the Lord who ways and thoughts are not the same as ours. He interrupts our lives wanting to pull us back to His Son. He is the plan, the promise, the hope we need when sin, death, and the Devil do their worst. Only those of faith grounded upon Jesus can live in this environment despite the sufferings they never saw coming. If you cannot accept the fact that God has worked in the past you will not have any hope that He seeks all good for your future. This is why being in the Gospel around the Word and Sacrament is so important for His Church. These are the “new things” God declares as salvation that springs forth with life from Christ. We do not have to throw away our planners, but we do hold fast to The Planner promised for sinners.

Words of wisdom for the new year

BY KATHRYN LOPEZ

It’s a presidential election year, as you no doubt can’t escape knowing. The anger and conviction during such tumultuous times can be quite overwhelming. Speaking of being overwhelmed, my office tends to be overrun with books. I’ve purged many times – we’ve had at least two moves in my 20-some years here. For some reason, two oldies rose to the top of a pile on the first day back in the new year. “What’s Wrong With the World” by G.K. Chesterton and “My Love Affair With America” by Norman Podhoretz. They clearly have something to offer us in this agitated era.

Chesterton writes: “This is the arresting and dominant fact about modern social discussion; that the quarrel is not merely about the difficulties, but about the aim. We agree about evil; it is about the good that we should tear each other’s eyes out ... We forget that, while we agree about the abuses of things, we should differ very much about the uses of them.” He goes on: “The only way to discuss the social evil is to get at once to the social idea.” “We can all see the national madness; but what is the national sanity? I have called this book ‘What Is Wrong with the World?’ and the upshot of the title can be easily and clearly stated. What is

wrong is that we do not ask what is right.” In his ode to America, Podhoretz celebrates the best of the United States, which includes his public primary school teachers who used traditional Christmas carols as part of their instruction. This is part of our culture after all, and joy is not to be withheld from children, so they can come to know it’s possible, whatever their beliefs about the nature of God might be or come to be. We pay lip service to not “imposing,” and yet we do impose in all kinds of ways as a culture of increasing ideological tyranny. It is out of respect for another that you share something meaningful, while not

demanding submission! Liberty means many things, including an unrestricted flow and exchange of ideas. This is something to think about as serious and real intolerance – racial, religious and cultural – is on the rise in this country. How about resolving to make this election year different? Reject cynicism and rage. Renew and rebuild what’s been best about us. To do right in every scenario before us – as a matter of civics and daily life. Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD


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 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade).

BAPTIST


Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available.

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm.

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Saturday Mass 5:30pm. Sunday Masses 9:30am. Tues. & Thurs. 9am; 8:15am during school year. Weekday Masses: Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30pm; Tues. & Thurs., 9am. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15-5:15pm Saturday or by appointment (260) 563-4750.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm.

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available.


CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.


CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


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 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Interim, Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church**, 110 W Hill Street. Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister. (260) 563-4179. Worship 9:30am. Sunday School 11am. Nursery provided.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tlyer, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am.

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 **Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. www.LivingFaithWabash.org


Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **First United Methodist Church**, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostetler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). First Friends Early Learning Ministry: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director.

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Daily Bible Reading

Matthew 10:1-15	Matthew 10:16-31	Matthew 10:32-42	Matthew 11:1-19	Matthew 11:20-30	Matthew 16:1-12	Matthew 16:13-28
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Knights fall to Norse on mats

The Southwood wrestling team fell on the road to Northfield, 45-18. Southwood's wins came from Jackson Taylor by pinfall at 120 pounds, Devin Danzy by pinfall at 138 pounds and Elijah Staggs by forfeit.

Apaches knock off Western on Senior Night

In the final home match of the year, the Wabash wrestling team downed Western 45-31. Individual wins came from Jared Brooks, Ethan Higgins, Brayden Sickafus, Traydon Goodwin, Grant Carandante, Bryson Zapata, Chad Wyatt Jr. and Grant Warmuth.

Eagles fall in nailbiter to White's

The Emmanuel Christian basketball team lost to White's on Tuesday, 77-76. The Eagles were led by Preston Ritzema's 28 points. Jack Niccum and Riley Miller had 15 points apiece.

Warrant issued for Odell Beckham after video shows butt swat

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A misdemeanor simple battery warrant has been issued for Cleveland Browns wide receiver and former LSU star Odell Beckham Jr., police in New Orleans said Thursday. The warrant comes as video posted on social media appears to show Beckham swatting a security officer's buttocks during LSU's locker room victory celebration after Monday night's college national championship game in the Superdome.

"We are aware of the incident and have been in touch with Odell and his representatives on the matter," the Browns said in a statement. "They are cooperating with authorities to appropriately address the situation."

LSU players were seen smoking cigars — forbidden in the Superdome — in pictures from the Monday night celebration. Authorities reportedly warned them they could face arrest.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



JACOB RUDE/Plain Dealer

REBOUND: Manchester's Makenzy Meyer grabs a rebound in traffic during the second quarter of Wednesday's game against Peru.

Tigers rally in second half for TRC win

BY JACOB RUDE sports@wabashplaindealer.com

NORTH MANCHESTER - The Peru girls' basketball team saw things snowball in multiple ways on the road against Manchester on Wednesday night.

On the negative side, the Tigers conceded a 22-2 run across either side of the half-time break to see it's double-digit lead entirely evaporate. But just as quickly, things snowballed in a positive direction as the guests unleashed a 25-6 run across the third and fourth quarters to re-establish its double-digit advantage en route to a 60-53 win on the night.

"The first quarter, we came out strong," Peru head coach David Weeks said. "Then Kelsie (Kelley) picked up her third foul, Logan (Mouser) picked up her second foul, we got to subbing and

that second quarter, credit to them, they came out with energy and took it to us. We came out in the third quarter slowly getting back into it. I thought we settled too much for threes. We weren't working getting it inside like we needed to. We started playing the type of basketball we needed to play and got what we needed out of it."

For a Squire side looking for its third Three Rivers Conference win of the season, Wednesday was a big opportunity missed.

"Just frustrating," Squire head coach Josh Troyer said of his takeaway on the night. "We're talking afterward and we have quarters of 20 and 18 (points). We haven't done that ever (this season). This team has struggled on the offensive end. I'm really proud of the offensive effort tonight. Just frustrated we

couldn't hold on."

Peru did jump out of the gates early by scoring the first seven points to force a timeout from the hosts less than two minutes into the game. Cate Wolfe would score nine of her 15 points on the night in the first period as the Tigers ended the frame up 15-7. The lead grew to 19-9 after a basket from Emma Eldridge, the largest of the first half for Peru.

But Manchester quickly began chipping away at that margin with its best stretch of play sparked by Emma Garriott. The junior guard scored 11 points in the frame and was the catalyst in an 18-2 run.

"I thought we found a group that was going to work," Troyer said. "They just outworked them. I thought Peru started to get

a little tired. We were a little fresher. Our girls were more aggressive. They didn't pass up shots, they didn't stand on offense. They kept looking to attack lanes, they were under control when they attacked. They made the right kick and knocked down some big shots and then we got stops on the other end. I think that group was really, really key for us tonight."

Beletu Stout started the run with a three-pointer before Garriott made a pair of trips to the free throw line to close the gap to 19-15. Makenzy Meyer would finish around the rim before Garriott scored six straight points to give the Squires the lead.

Courtlynn Crowe ended the run of 15-straight Manchester points with a pair

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Rutgers remains unbeaten at home, beats Indiana 59-50

BY TOM CANAVAN AP Sports Writer

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Winning of the road in the Big Ten Conference has been tough for almost every team. Doing it at Rutgers has been impossible so far.

Akwasi Yeboah had 14 points and seven rebounds and the surprising Scarlet Knights pushed their home record to 12-0 with a 59-50 victory over Indiana on Wednesday night.

"We have great fans and the atmosphere is amazing," Yeboah said. "We just kind of made it a tradition to win at home. It's just a different energy at home. When you talk about the importance of

winning at home, you win your home games and you are set."

This has been a totally unexpected season for Rutgers (13-4, 4-2 Big Ten). It was picked to finish 12th in the league's preseason poll and now it is in position to post its first winning season since 2005-06, the last time it went to a postseason tournament.

Indiana coach Archie Miller called the Scarlet Knights one of the best teams in the league after seeing the Hoosiers (13-4, 3-3) held to a season low points total.

"They are impressive with their effort level, especially in here, they have this place charged up," said Miller,

whose team was coming off a win over then-No. 11 Ohio State. "This is a difficult game. We didn't handle the environment early."

Rutgers used a 24-6 spurt bridging the end of the first half and the start of the second and a tenacious defense in taking control. During the game-deciding run, it got points from eight players, with none scoring more than four points. It turned a 22-21 first-half deficit into a 45-28 lead and the game was over.

"Winning is fun," said guard Geo Baker, who returned to the lineup after missing three games with a broken left thumb and put an exclamation point on the

win with a late one-handed dunk.

"You can't really have fun going to parties, that's temporary," Baker added. "Winning is forever. That's something we want to prove. We want to win every single game."

Caleb McConnell added 10 points for Rutgers, which shot almost 47 percent from the field.

Justin Smith had 15 points to lead Indiana. Aljami Durham added 10 points and Joey Brunk had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Hoosiers shot 31.7 percent from the field (19

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Hubb's 25 points lead Irish past Georgia Tech 78-74

BY CHARLES ODUM AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — This time, Notre Dame was prepared for the closing minutes of another close ACC game.

Lessons learned while suffering two losses last week by a combined eight points helped the Fighting Irish in another tight game.

Prentiss Hubb scored a career-high 25 points, John Mooney recorded another double-double and Notre Dame pulled away late to beat Georgia Tech 78-74 on Wednesday night.

"I thought it was really important as I'm watching this game unfold, we really need to finish this one," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said after recalling last week's 73-68 loss to North Carolina State and a 67-64 "heartbreaking" loss to then-No. 13 Louisville.

"I think we can grow again here with this one," Brey said.

Hubb's follow-up layup gave the Fighting Irish (11-6, 2-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) a 67-64 lead. T.J. Gibbs added a 3-pointer to stretch the lead to six points with 1:04 remaining.

Gibbs' long 3 came after Georgia Tech switched to a zone defense after playing man-to-man most of the game.

"The one time we went zone they hit a 3 on us," said Georgia Tech coach Josh Pastner.

Jose Alvarado's layup with six seconds left cut Notre Dame's lead to 77-74. Hubb made one of two free throws with four seconds remaining for the final margin.

Gibbs had 17 points and Dane Goodwin added 15. Hubb and Gibbs carried most of the scoring load in the final minutes.

"We feed off each other's energy," Hubb said. "If we are playing in tandem and everything is flowing, I think we can be very dangerous in the ACC and the NCAA."

Michael Devoe led Georgia Tech (8-9, 3-4) with 22 points and nine rebounds. Moses Wright had 16 points.

The Yellow Jackets fell to 0-3 in home ACC games.

"It sucks. We've got to protect our home court," Alvarado said.

Mooney's hook shot with 2:48 remaining gave Notre Dame a 63-60 lead and gave the senior his 11th consecutive double-double, tying the school record. Mooney overcame 0-for-6 shooting from the field in the first half to finish with 10 points and 13 rebounds. The 6-foot-9 senior missed each of his six shots from the field, including three 3-pointers, in the first half. His only points came on two free throws.

Hubb drove the length of the court for a layup to end the first half, giving the Irish a 29-27 lead.

It was a familiar halftime scenario for Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets have trailed at the break in 13 of 17 games. They have rallied in the second half for four wins after trailing at halftime.

Even as Mooney began to find his shot, Georgia

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SCOREBOARD

NFL

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
San Francisco 27, Minnesota 10
Tennessee 28, Baltimore 12
Sunday, Jan. 12
Kansas City 51, Houston 31
Green Bay 28, Seattle 23
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
Tennessee at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
NFC champion vs. AFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Men's Results
RUTGERS 59, INDIANA 50
INDIANA (13-4)
Smith 6-10 3-4 15, Brunk 5-10 0-1 10, Phinisee 3-11 2-2 9, Durham 2-9 5-5 10, Hunter 1-5 0-0 2, Jackson-Davis 2-6 0-0 4, Green 0-4 0-0 0, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Franklin 0-1 0-0 0, Anderson 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 19-60 10-12 50.
RUTGERS (13-4)
Harper 2-6 1-2 6, McConnell 4-6 2-2 10, Johnson 4-8 0-3 8, Yeboah 5-7 2-3 14, Baker 2-7 3-4 7, Young 2-6 1-3 5, Mulcahy 1-2 0-1 3, Mathis 2-4 0-0 4, Carter 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 23-49 9-18 59.
Halftime-Rutgers 31-24. 3-Point Goals-Indiana 2-19 (Durham 1-3, Phinisee 1-6, Smith 0-1, Hunter 0-2, Green 0-3, Anderson 0-4), Rutgers 4-15 (Yeboah 2-4, Mulcahy 1-1, Harper 1-4, McConnell 0-2, Baker 0-4). Rebounds-Indiana 35 (Brunk 10), Rutgers 34 (Yeboah 7). Assists-Indiana 6 (Durham 2), Rutgers 14 (Baker 4). Total Fouls-Indiana 18, Rutgers 14. A-8,000 (8,000).

NOTRE DAME 78, GEORGIA TECH 74
NOTRE DAME (11-6)
Mooney 4-12 2-2 10, Gibbs 6-11 3-4 17, Hubb 8-16 6-8 25, Pflueger 0-5 0-0 0, Goodwin 5-11 2-4 15, Durham 4-6 0-0 8, Laszewski 1-4 1-1 3. Totals 28-65 14-19 78.
GEORGIA TECH (8-9)
Devoe 9-15 2-3 22, Banks 4-6 2-3 10, Alvarado 3-7 0-0 7, Usher 4-10 0-0 8, Parham 3-6 0-0 7, Wright 6-11 4-5 16, Cole 0-1 2-4 2, Price 1-2 0-0 2, Moore 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-58 10-15 74.
Halftime-Notre Dame 29-27. 3-Point Goals-Notre Dame 8-26 (Goodwin 3-4, Hubb 3-8, Gibbs 2-4, Laszewski 0-3, Pflueger 0-3, Mooney 0-4), Georgia Tech 4-15 (Devoe 2-4, Parham 1-3, Alvarado 1-4, Price 0-1, Wright 0-1, Usher 0-2). Fouled Out-Alvarado. Rebounds-Notre Dame 31 (Mooney 13), Georgia Tech 32 (Devoe 9). Assists-Notre Dame 9 (Gibbs, Hubb 3), Georgia Tech 15 (Alvarado 9). Total Fouls-Notre Dame 18, Georgia Tech 17.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE					
	Conference		All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L
Michigan St.	5	1	.833	13	4
Rutgers	4	2	.667	13	4
Illinois	4	2	.667	12	5
Wisconsin	4	2	.667	11	6
Minnesota	4	3	.571	10	7
Indiana	3	3	.500	13	4
Maryland	3	3	.500	13	4
Iowa	3	3	.500	12	5
Purdue	3	3	.500	10	7
Michigan	2	3	.400	11	5
Ohio St.	2	4	.333	12	5
Penn St.	2	4	.333	12	5
Nebraska	2	4	.333	7	10
Northwestern	1	5	.167	6	10

Wednesday's Games
Rutgers 59, Indiana 50
Minnesota 75, Penn St. 69
Today's Games
Wisconsin at Michigan St., 7 p.m.
Michigan at Iowa, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Ohio St. at Penn St., Noon
Purdue at Maryland, 2 p.m.
Northwestern at Illinois, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Nebraska, 7 p.m.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE					
	Conference		All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L
Duke	5	1	.833	15	2
Florida St.	5	1	.833	15	2
Louisville	5	1	.833	14	3
Virginia Tech	4	2	.667	13	4
NC State	3	3	.500	12	5
Virginia	3	3	.500	11	5
Syracuse	3	3	.500	10	7
Clemson	3	3	.500	9	7
Boston College	3	3	.500	9	8
Georgia Tech	3	4	.429	8	9
Notre Dame	2	4	.333	11	6
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333	11	6
Miami	2	4	.333	10	6
North Carolina	1	4	.200	8	8
Wake Forest	1	5	.167	8	8

Wednesday's Games
Syracuse 76, Boston College 50
Florida St. 54, Virginia 50
NC State 80, Miami 63
Notre Dame 78, Georgia Tech 74
Saturday's Games
North Carolina at Pittsburgh, Noon
Syracuse at Virginia Tech, Noon
Florida St. at Miami, 1 p.m.
Clemson at NC State, 2 p.m.
Louisville at Duke, 6 p.m.
Virginia at Georgia Tech, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Championship Winners
College Football Championship
Jan. 13, 2020 — LSU 42, Clemson 25
Jan. 7, 2019 — Clemson 44, Alabama 16
Jan. 8, 2018 — Alabama 26, Georgia 23, OT
Jan. 9, 2017 — Clemson 35, Alabama 31
Jan. 11, 2016 — Alabama 45, Clemson 40
Jan. 12, 2015 — Ohio St. 42, Oregon 20
BCS National Championship
Jan. 6, 2014 — Florida St. 34, Auburn 31
Jan. 7, 2013 — Alabama 42, Notre Dame 14
Jan. 9, 2012 — Alabama 21, LSU 0
Jan. 10, 2011 — Auburn 22, Oregon 19
Jan. 7, 2010 — Alabama 37, Texas 21
Jan. 8, 2009 — Florida 24, Oklahoma 14
Jan. 7, 2008 — LSU 38, Ohio State 24
Jan. 8, 2007 — Florida 41, Ohio State 14
BCS Championship
Jan. 4, 2006 Rose Bowl — Texas 41, Southern Cal-x 38
Jan. 1, 2005 Orange Bowl — Southern Cal-x 55, Oklahoma 19
Jan. 4, 2004 Sugar Bowl — LSU 21, Oklahoma 14
Jan. 3, 2003 Fiesta Bowl — Ohio St. 31, Miami 24, 2OT
Jan. 3, 2002 Rose Bowl — Miami 37, Nebraska 14
Jan. 3, 2001 Orange Bowl — Oklahoma 13, Florida St. 2
Jan. 4, 2000 Sugar Bowl — Florida St. 46, Virginia Tech 29
Jan. 4, 1999 Fiesta Bowl — Tennessee 23, Florida St. 16
x-participation vacated

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	27	12	.692	—
Toronto	26	14	.650	1½
Philadelphia	26	16	.619	2½
Brooklyn	18	22	.450	9½
New York	11	30	.268	17
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	28	12	.700	—
Orlando	20	21	.488	8½
Charlotte	15	29	.341	15
Washington	13	27	.325	15
Atlanta	9	32	.220	19½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	36	6	.857	—
Indiana	26	15	.634	9½
Chicago	15	27	.357	21
Detroit	15	27	.357	21
Cleveland	12	29	.293	23½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	26	14	.650	—
Dallas	26	15	.634	½
Memphis	19	22	.463	7½
San Antonio	17	22	.436	8½
New Orleans	15	26	.366	11½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	28	12	.700	—
Utah	28	12	.700	—
Oklahoma City	23	18	.561	5½

ON THE AIR

AUTO RACING
6 p.m.
NBCSN: Dakar Rally 2020: Stage 12, Haradh to Qid-diya, Saudi Arabia (taped)
BIATHLON
11 p.m.
NBCSN: IBU World Cup: Women's 4x6km Relay, Ruhpolding, Germany (taped)
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
7 p.m.
ESPN2: Dayton at St. Louis
ESPNU: Furman at Wofford
FS1: Wisconsin at Michigan State
9 p.m.
FS1: Michigan at Iowa
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
6:30 p.m.
FS2: Marquette at Butler
8:30 p.m.
PAC-12N: Utah at Colorado
10:30 p.m.
PAC-12N: UCLA at Southern California
COLLEGE GYMNASICS (WOMEN'S)
7 p.m.
SECN: Florida at Missouri
8:30 p.m.
SECN: Auburn at LSU
9 p.m.
ESPN2: Oklahoma at Alabama
COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)
6 p.m.
BTN: Notre Dame at Ohio State
6:30 p.m.
CBSSN: North Dakota at Miami (Ohio)
9 p.m.
ESPNU: Michigan State at Wisconsin
CURLING (WOMEN'S)
9 p.m.
NBCSN: U.S. Grand Prix: U.S. vs. Scotland, Raleigh, N.C. (taped)
GOLF
12 p.m.

Portland	18	24	.429	11
Minnesota	15	25	.375	13
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	33	8	.805	—
L.A. Clippers	28	13	.683	5
Phoenix	18	24	.400	16½
Sacramento	15	26	.366	18
Golden State	9	33	.214	24½

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 117, Brooklyn 106
Detroit 116, Boston 103
Miami 106, San Antonio 100
Indiana 104, Minnesota 99
Toronto 130, Oklahoma City 121
Chicago 115, Washington 106
Denver 101, Charlotte 86
Portland 117, Houston 107
Dallas 127, Sacramento 123
Orlando 119, L.A. Lakers 118
Thursday's Games
Phoenix at New York
Boston at Milwaukee
Utah at New Orleans
Denver at Golden State
Orlando at L.A. Clippers
Today's Games
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 3:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Boston	48	27	9	12	66	159	128		
Tampa Bay	46	28	14	4	60	166	133		
Toronto	47	25	16	6	56	173	157		
Florida	45	24	16	5	53	166	152		
Buffalo	47	21	19	7	49	140	149		
Montreal	48	20	21	7	47	146	152		
Ottawa	46	16	22	8	40	123	157		
Detroit	47	12	32	3	27	102	183		
Metropolitan Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Washington	47	31	11	5	67	166	138		
Pittsburgh	46	29	12	5	63	161	125		
N.Y. Islanders	45	28	13	4	60	132	119		
Carolina	46	27	17	2	56	150	125		
Philadelphia	47	25	16	6	56	150	145		
Columbus	47	23	16	8	54	124	124		
N.Y. Rangers	45	22	19	4	48	152	151		
New Jersey	46	17	22	7	41	124	163		
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
St. Louis	48	30	10	8	68	155	129		
Dallas	46	27	15	4	58	124	109		
Colorado	46	25	15	6	56	164	137		
Winnipeg	47	25	18	4	54	145	140		
Chicago	48	22	20	6	50	141	153		
Nashville	45	21	17	7	49	152	149		
Minnesota	46	20	20	6	46	138	157		
Pacific Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Arizona	49	26	18	5	57	142	128		
Edmonton	48	25	18	5	55	148	150		
Calgary	48	25	18	5	55	131	141		
Vancouver	47	25	18	4	54	155	147		
Vegas	49	24	19	6	54	151	149		
San Jose	48	21	23	4	46	129	159		
Los Angeles	48	18	25	5	41	121	150		
Anaheim	46	17	24	5	39	116	147		
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.									
Wednesday's Games									
Chicago 4, Montreal 1									
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3, OT									
Thursday's Games									
Pittsburgh at Boston									
Carolina at Columbus									
Los Angeles at Florida									
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders									
Montreal at Philadelphia									
Calgary at Atlanta									
New Jersey at Washington									
Vegas at Ottawa									
Tampa Bay at Minnesota									
Anaheim at Nashville									
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San Jose at Colorado									
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Today's Games									
Anaheim at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.									
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.									
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.									
Saturday's Games									
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.									
St. Louis at Colorado, 3 p.m.									
Arizona at Edmonton, 3 p.m.									
Calgary at Ottawa, 4 p.m.									

GOLF : LPGA Tour: The Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, Second Round, Orlando, Fla.
3 p.m.
ESPN2 : Latin America Amateur Championship: Second Round, Mayakoba, Mexico
GOLF : PGA Tour: The American Express, Second Round, Palm Springs, Calif.
7 p.m.
GOLF : PGA Tour: The Mitsubishi Electric Championship, Second Round, Ka'uupulehu-Kona, Hawaii
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL (BOY'S)
9 p.m.
CBSSN : Tournament of Champions: Teams TBD, Semifinals, Springfield, Mo.
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN: Chicago at Philadelphia
9:30 p.m.
ESPN: Portland at Dallas
NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
NHLN : Pittsburgh at Detroit
SNOWBOARDING
8 p.m.
NBCSN : FIS World Cup: Slopestyle Competition, Laax, Switzerland (taped)
SOCCER (MEN'S)
2:20 p.m.
FS2 : Bundesliga: Borussia Mönchengladbach at Schalke
SWIMMING
6:30 p.m.
NBCSN : TYR: Pro Swim Series, Knoxville, Tenn.
TENNIS
6 a.m.
TENNIS: ATP/WTA: Adelaide-ATP/WTA Semifinals, Hobart-WTA
8:30 p.m.
TENNIS: ATP/WTA: Auckland-ATP & Hobart-WTA Finals
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TENNIS: WTA: Adelaide-WTA Final

New Jersey at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Florida at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

NFL

49ers, Packers look to go from losing seasons to Super Bowl

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers are one win away from accomplishing a turnaround that’s been done only once before in the Super Bowl era.

With a victory in the NFC championship game at home on Sunday against the Green Bay Packers, the Niners will become the second team in NFL history to make the Super Bowl a year after losing at least 12 games.

Only the St. Louis Rams have done it, going from 4-12 in 1998 to Super Bowl champs one year later thanks in part of an injury to Trent Green that cleared the way for Kurt Warner to take over at quarterback.

The 49ers (14-3) also can credit an injury to their quarterback for part of their turnaround; the team went only 4-12 last season after Jimmy Garoppolo went down with a season-ending knee injury in Week 3.

The silver lining to that injury was the No. 2 overall pick in the draft, which led to the addition of defensive end Nick Bosa, who helped transform the defense into one of the league’s best.

“Things have a way of working out,” Garoppolo

said. “I always told myself it was a blessing in disguise, the ACL and everything, and yeah, we got Bosa out of it. That’s a pretty good trade-off, I guess. Things have a way of working out, I guess. This ride is crazy. You’ve just got to roll with the punches.”

The Packers (14-3) have also had an impressive turnaround after slumping to a 6-9-1 record last season that led to the firing of longtime coach Mike McCarthy.

Matt LaFleur came in and tinkered with the offense, and general manager Brian Gutekunst brought in key additions such as pass-rushing duo Preston Smith and Za’Darius Smith, who combined for 25 1/2 sacks on the season.

There have also been some lower-profile pickups such as Tyler Ervin, Jared Veldheer and Marcedes Lewis that have helped.

“I think he’s done a great job. I think he deserves a lot of credit, him and his staff,” quarterback Aaron Rodgers said of Gutekunst. “There’s been a lot of great pickups, but I think I said this at my locker a few weeks ago, the big-name ones have been fantastic, but it’s kind of the other ones that have been the

glue pieces, I feel like.”

REMATCH

These teams played earlier this season in Week 12 in what turned out to be a lopsided game. Rodgers lost a fumble on Green Bay’s first possession, setting up a 2-yard TD drive that gave San Francisco the lead. The Niners then broke it open with long TD passes to Deebo Samuel late in the second quarter and George Kittle in the third quarter for a 37-8 win. Rodgers had the worst day of his career, averaging 3.2 yards per attempt and getting sacked five times.

Niners coach Kyle Shanahan has a message for anyone on his team feeling overconfident.

“Don’t be that stupid because that’s not real,” he said. “This is about Sunday’s game. I can give a thousand stories of things like that, playing games in my history I’ve been a part of.”

There have been 23 times in the Super Bowl era, excluding one replacement player game in 1987, that a team lost a regular-season game by at least 28 points to a team it met again in the playoffs. In nine of those cases, the team that got blown out earlier in the sea-

son came back to win in the playoffs.

HOMECOMING

Rodgers and star receiver Davante Adams both hail from Northern California, with Rodgers growing up in Chico and Adams in Palo Alto, which is near Santa Clara. Both played college ball in the state, Rodgers going to Cal and Adams to Fresno State. But neither ended up with the 49ers, who famously passed on Rodgers with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 draft for Alex Smith.

“I usually dreamed about playing for the 49ers as a kid, but obviously that thing passed a long time ago,” Rodgers said when asked if he envisioned playing the Niners in the playoffs.

RICH HISTORY

These two franchises that have combined for nine Super Bowl titles have a rich history when it comes to the playoffs. This will be their eighth meeting in the past 25 postseasons, three more than any other rivalry. In fact, the only other matchup to occur more often is Cowboys-Rams, which happened nine times. Green Bay has a 4-3 edge but the 49ers won the

TENNIS

Federer figures Nadal, Djokovic will pass him with major wins

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Roger Federer, for one, figures questions about whether Rafael Nadal or Novak Djokovic — or both? — will surpass his men’s record for most Grand Slam singles titles are moot.

That’s because he’s sure it’s going to happen. And he’s OK with that. Ending up in third place, Federer insists, would be just fine.

“I think the way it’s going, obviously, Rafa and Novak will win more,” Federer said matter-of-factly during a recent interview with The Associated Press in the city he uses as his pre-season training base, “because they’re that good. And the season they had (in 2019), again, shows that there is more to come for them.”

He didn’t say this with a wistful sigh or a disappointed glance at the floor or a trace of regret. That’s just the way he sees things at the moment. Entering the Australian Open, scheduled to begin Monday in Melbourne (Sunday EST), Federer leads the list with 20 majors, followed by Nadal with 19, then Djokovic with 16.

So as soon as the end of this tournament, Nadal could pull even with Federer for the first time. Whether or not it truly matters who comes out on top when all is said and done, everyone is going to be paying attention to how it shakes out.

Including Federer, who surpassed Pete Sampras’ old standard of 14 a decade ago.

Don’t mistake an honest outlook for disinterest.

“I guess you do care, to some extent, just because it’s normal,” Federer said, then mentioned how much it meant to him that Sampras was sitting in the Centre Court stands for No. 15.

“I looked up to him so much that I felt, also, uncomfortable maybe, sometimes, breaking his records. It’s not something I ever wanted to do. It just happened to be like this. But of course I knew it was a big, big-time moment in our sport. And I think those are the moments you will remember,” Federer said. “Now, at the end, if somebody else would pass you, I mean, I guess it’s OK, because that’s what sports is all about. It’s a lot about numbers. It’s a lot about records. But I

had my moment and I always said everything that comes after 15 was, anyway, a bonus. And especially after the knee injury (in 2016), everything that came after that was a bonus. I would have taken one more Slam, and I was able to get three more – and three amazing ones.”

Nadal, currently No. 1 in the ATP rankings, and Djokovic, who is No. 2 ahead of Federer, each took home two major trophies last season.

Djokovic won the Australian Open (beating Nadal in the final) and Wimbledon (beating Federer in the final after saving two championship points).

Nadal won at Roland Garros (beating Federer in the semifinals) and the U.S. Open (facing neither of the other two).

“I always say the same: I would love to be the one who wins more,” Nadal said, “but I am not thinking (about it) and I’m not going to practice every day ... for it.”

After his seventh championship in Australia a year ago, Djokovic said: “I do want to definitely focus myself on continuing to improve my game and maintaining the overall well-being that I have — mental, physical, emotional — so I would be able to compete at such a high level for the years to come, and have a shot at eventually getting closer to Roger’s record.”

Federer’s most recent Grand Slam triumph arrived at Melbourne Park in 2018.

He is 38, an age at which no one has won a Slam title in the professional era; he doesn’t feel compelled to quit anytime soon. Still, time is certainly on the side of Nadal, 33, and Djokovic, 32.

“I honestly think it’s going to be quite exciting to see how much longer can they go. How much more can they win? They might have some more incredible years ahead of them. That’s my assumption,” Federer said. “It’s a bit of a golden time for tennis right now, no doubt.”

Also of particular interest, of course, is when a new face will emerge from the crop of 20-somethings who have been rising in the rankings. There hasn’t been a first-time male champ at a major since 2014.

Ask Federer to name names, and he offers several, calling them “that

whole group of guys.”

Among them, he said: Felix Auger-Aliassime. Denis Shapovalov. Stefanos Tsitsipas, who upset Federer at the Australian Open last year. Alexander Zverev. Daniil Medvedev. Karen Khachanov.

“It’s an elite group of 10 now, which is nice. It’s not just maybe one or two that we thought were pretty good,” Federer said. “So I think it’s changed a little bit in the last, sort of, 18 months. It’s just really, really hard to predict who’s going to win.”

Here’s something Federer is certain of, though: One day, someone will come along and accumulate majors the way no one ever had until he, Nadal and Djokovic rewrote the record book.

“It’s going to happen, inevitably,” Federer said, shaking his head. “And it’s almost not going to be that hard, maybe, anymore, later on, for some reason, I just feel like, because the players will have seen what we did. And they didn’t see just one guy doing it, once every 30 years. They saw like three guys doing it, in the shortest period of time, right after ‘Pistol’ (Sampras). So I just think players are going to believe more. I think maybe the surfaces in some ways also allow you, maybe, if you’re on a hot streak, just to run through more years of domination, like what Novak, Rafa and me, we’ve all done.”

Impossible to know who, though. Or when.

After all, Federer never saw the magnitude of his own success — or those of his rivals — coming.

“I didn’t predict I was going to have this many majors. I was hoping to maybe have one, to be quite honest, at the very beginning of my career. When I played Novak, I thought, ‘Yeah, he’s good. He might win a major.’ You know? ‘Rafa, he’s probably going to win the French. Maybe once. Or a few times.’ But you don’t go 12 times there. Or, you know, streaks of not having lost matches on hard or clay for, I don’t know, nine months. It’s just stuff that eventually builds,” he said. “So, hard to tell, but there’s a ... group of guys that I see now probably winning at least, like, four or five majors – which then can lead to 15 or more, of course.”

MLB

Stolen away: Brooklyn pitcher recalls 1951 sign-stealing scam

BY BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Stealing signals. Banging on a trash can. Beating the Dodgers in October.

Sounds very familiar to Carl Erskine.

“If they’re going to go back to 2017 with penalties for the Astros,” he said Wednesday, “then I want them to go all the way back to 1951 to help us.”

The old Brooklyn pitcher was laughing. Sort of.

Now 93, Erskine vividly recalled what — until this week — had been the biggest sign-stealing scandal in baseball history.

Up by 13 1/2 games in mid-August, Jackie Robinson and the Dodgers seemed destined. That was until rookie Willie Mays and the New York Giants came flying back, fueled by an incredible, late run in home games at the Polo Grounds, and forced a best-of-three playoff for the National League pennant.

Erskine was warming up in the Brooklyn bullpen in Game 3 when Bobby Thomson connected for the famed “Shot Heard ‘Round the World,” a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth off Ralph Branca that rallied the Giants to a 5-4 win.

A half-century later, a giant secret was revealed: The Giants had rigged a spyglass-and-buzzer system in late July to steal catchers’ signals and tip off their hitters.

“We thought something was going on, we were suspicious, but we couldn’t prove anything,” Erskine said from his home in Anderson, Indiana. “I remember Ralph said to me, ‘I bet those dirty birds are cheating.’”

Herman Franks, a former Dodger who had become a Giants coach, was stationed in the home clubhouse, above the 483-foot mark in center field. From a darkened window, he spied on catchers with a telescope, then relayed the signs.

When a buzzer rang in the New York bullpen — conveniently located in play back then, in deep right-center field — a Giants player who might waggle a white towel would signal to the hitter what kind of pitch was coming.

“A batter wouldn’t even have to move his head,” Erskine said. “It was right over

picked on repeatedly as teams avoid Richard Sherman. Witherspoon has allowed all five TD passes given up by San Francisco the past three games and was benched for Emmanuel Moseley in the first quarter last week after getting beaten for a 41-yard TD by Stefon Diggs. Shanahan hasn’t said what his plan is for this week, but it seems likely Moseley will get the nod after faring well in nine games as a starter earlier this season when Witherspoon was hurt.

BROTHERLY LOVE

There are plenty of close ties between the coaching staffs based on past history together. But none is as strong as the one between Matt LaFleur and his younger brother Mike, who is passing game coordinator in San Francisco. When the teams played in the regular season, Matt’s family came out early and spent the weekend with Mike’s family. That won’t be the case this time.

“I think there’s a little different vibe, so I’ll just leave it at that,” Matt LaFleur said. “I haven’t really talked to him much at all and it will probably be that way for the remainder of the week.”

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— CARL ERSKINE

the pitcher’s left shoulder. Just shift your eyes to about 2 o’clock and you’d see it.”

Several years after the scheme came to light, Erskine saw an obituary for Franks.

“I emailed Ralph and said to him: ‘Old Giants never die, they just steal away,’” Erskine said.

Popularly known as “Oisk” by Brooklyn fans of “The Boys of Summer,” Erskine made his big league debut in 1948 and spent all 12 years of his career with the Dodgers, finishing with Los Angeles. The right-hander was 16-12 in 1951 and went 122-78 overall with two no-hitters. He went to the World Series five times.

Erskine said he’s read some about the Astros’ scam, how they swiped signs from a video feed in center field and clanged a trash can to alert hitters to what pitch was coming. Houston closed out 2017 by beating the Dodgers in the World Series. “You mean in this high-tech world they had to revert to that?” he said, chuckling. “In the commissioner’s mind, it’s probably a lot of garbage he wished had never happened.”

Not that Erskine and the Dodgers didn’t try things in their day.

“TV was still new in my era, in the early 1950s. We had a television in our clubhouse at Ebbets Field and when the opposing catcher or coach or manager would go to the mound, we’d try to read lips, to see what he was saying to the pitcher,” Erskine said.

“Just fishing for anything. Pretty spotty results,” he said. “But I guess it was a preliminary for what was to come later.”

Smoke haze again forces delay in Australian Open qualifying

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Australian Open officials delayed the start of play by two hours Wednesday on the second day of qualifying until smoke from regional wild fires cleared.

Smoke and hazy conditions at Melbourne Park on Tuesday affected the opening day’s play with organizers criticized for allowing qualifying matches to proceed.

A number of players complained, including Bernard Tomic, who sought medical treatment during his first-

round loss when he struggled to breathe. Dalila Jakupovic feared she would pass out before retiring from her match when she collapsed to her knees with a coughing spell.

On Wednesday, Canadian qualifier Brayden Schnur said Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal were “selfish” and more concerned about their legacies, saying it’s time the pair stepped up and protested against playing conditions during qualifying.

The 103rd-ranked player, who is seeded third in the qualifying tourna-

ment, was critical of officials after his first-round win over Sebastian Ofner, which took more than two hours in the hazy conditions that blanketed Melbourne Park on Wednesday.

He said it was incumbent upon the biggest names in the sport to be the voice for lesser-known players.

Schnur battled conditions, which he described as like smoking a cigarette.

“You feel super dryness in your throat,” he said. “That’s 100% not normal and players who have asthma are at a huge disadvantage right now.”

Separated man is in no hurry to file for divorce

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend for almost a year. I love him, and we have an undeniable connection I have never had with anyone else. The problem is, he's separated but not yet divorced from his wife.

Dear Abby



I have a hard time moving forward in the relationship and meeting his family when he hasn't filed for divorce. He says he's going to file, and he doesn't seem to think it's a big deal, but meeting his son and family members under these circumstances makes me uncomfortable. It's almost like this is a test run to see if I'll fit the part before he finalizes everything.

He and his wife have been separated for only a year, and I'm ready to start a family. Our timing seems off, but he treats me so well it's hard to let him go. Should I put our relationship on hold until he finalizes his divorce, or will he resent me because I'm not being supportive? What if his separation is only temporary, and he's just having fun? Could I be a side chick? – Having Doubts In California

DEAR HAVING DOUBTS: You are asking intelligent questions. You have been supportive for quite some time now. Have the two of you actually discussed getting married and starting a family? If you haven't, you should, so you have some idea of whether his separation is temporary and what a realistic time frame would be. Once you know what that is, it couldn't hurt to meet his son and his family, if only to see how they react to you.

As to whether you could be this man's side chick, it depends upon how long you plan to remain in a holding pattern, waiting for him to do something concrete. Some women wait for years only to have things not work out as they had hoped.

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Dana" spent decades taking care of our disabled sister, which meant Dana and her family sacrificing greatly to provide for her care. The rest of us siblings live out of town and shared none of the responsibility. Our disabled sister passed away recently, leaving an estate that is now in probate. I suggested to my other siblings that before the estate is divided equally, we should set aside enough for Dana and her husband to take a long-overdue and well-deserved vacation. It's something I know Dana has been longing for, but they won't hear of it!

I can't believe my siblings are acting this way. They say Dana can take a vacation on what she inherits, but that's not the point. While we all had free weekends and could take vacations, Dana was extremely limited because our disabled sister couldn't travel and needed a caregiver. How do I change my siblings' view? – Disappointed Brother

DEAR BROTHER: Your sentiments are laudable, but there is no way to force your greedy siblings into doing anything for Dana. It appears your disabled sister died without a will, which could have ensured that Dana was repaid for her efforts. Your letter highlights the importance of putting last wishes in writing, preferably with the assistance of an attorney. I cannot emphasize this strongly enough.

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ACROSS

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- 4 Male swan
- 7 Monsieur's wine
- 10 Italian writer
- 11 Suit, for short
- 13 Overrule
- 14 Cpl. or Sgt.
- 15 Pickle choice
- 16 Like good cheddar
- 17 Foot pedal
- 19 Flimsy, as an excuse
- 20 X-ray kin
- 21 Awry
- 23 Admirer
- 26 Regions
- 28 Freddy's street
- 29 Potpie veggie
- 30 Gets threadbare
- 34 Gully
- 36 Boob tubes
- 38 Neckline type
- 39 NW state
- 41 Weight

- 42 Like Thor
- 44 Tenet
- 46 Wine press residue
- 47 Pie chart pieces
- 51 Elliptical
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- 56 Square of glass
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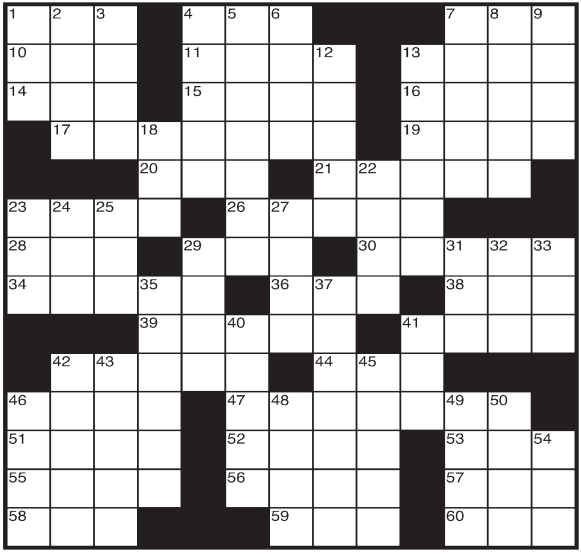
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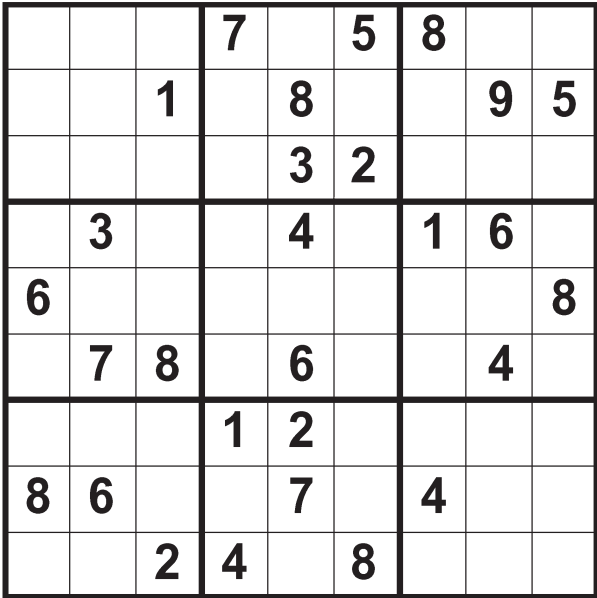
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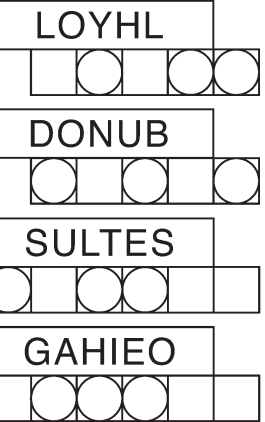
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



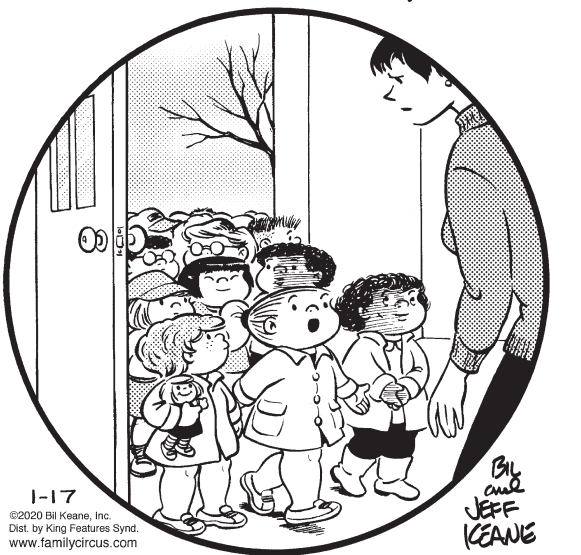
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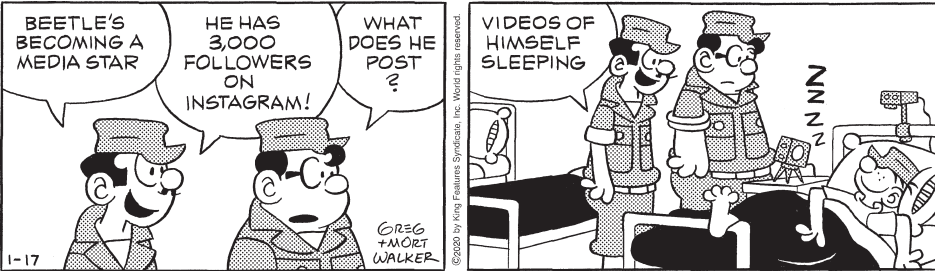
By Bil Keane



"You said I could bring some friends home with me, but I don't know how many 'some' is."

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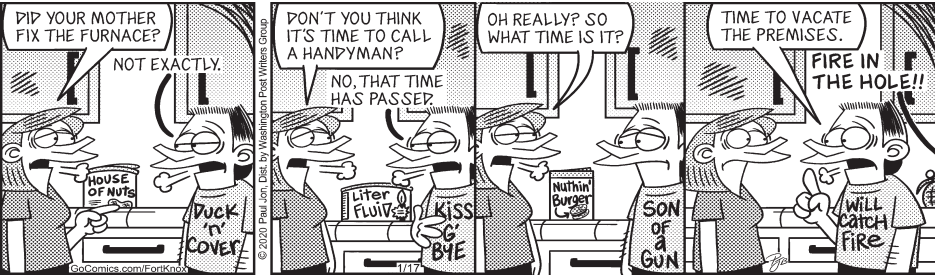
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FORT KNOX



PICKLES



Anger flees when the Spirit of God fills our hearts

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Why does the Bible say that God is slow to anger? I thought He was perfect. Isn't anger a sin? – G.A.

A: It takes a great deal to stir God's anger – but when it happens, it is holy anger because God is pure and righteous. When the Bible tells us that God "is slow to anger" (Nahum 1:3), it simply means that He is patient beyond man's capability. The prophet Nahum preached that God would take revenge on evil. "[He] will not at all acquit the wicked" (v. 3). History often reflects that the wicked stay wicked. Who are the wicked? Those who break the law of God, and we have all broken God's law.

We must not think that we get away with anything. Sin will bring us to repentance or retribution. When His an-

ger is stirred, He often uses the power of nature to demonstrate His pending doom. "The Lord has His way in the whirlwind and the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet. ... The earth heaves at His presence" (Nahum 1:3-5).

So the storm clouds are swift, as holy feet stir up the dust of anger against man's sin and disobedience, because God's plan is to have fellowship with the human race, not conflict.

Man's anger, however, is sinful. It leads us into bitterness and hurts everyone. Nev-

er underestimate man's anger; it is a destructive power. Can we overcome our anger, instead of constantly being overcome by it? Yes! With God's help. Peter's anger was channeled into boldness for Christ. Paul's anger against Christians was replaced with a burning passion to spread the Gospel.

Anger makes us lash out at others, destroying relationships and revealing our true nature. The history of the human race is largely the history of its anger. Anger flees when the Spirit of God fills our hearts.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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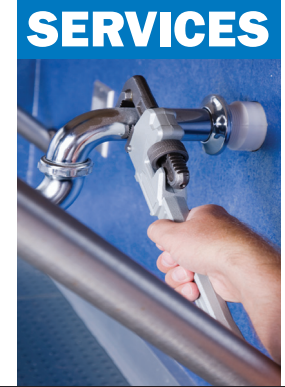
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ing me to make the sum as provided for in said
Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at
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corder of Wabash County, Indiana. Commonly
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er with rents, issues, income, and profits there-
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structions to bidders and bid forms are on file
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or are available at the office of Eastern Engi-
neering located at 1239 North Wells Street, Fort
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GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
00250	City Court	\$9,020.81	\$124,014.67	\$125,355.45	\$7,680.03
101	GENERAL FUND	\$9,309,092.71	\$8,726,024.94	\$7,177,012.26	\$10,858,105.39
201	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$680,406.84	\$1,419,817.68	\$1,623,719.92	\$476,504.60
202	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$423,293.60	\$89,466.08	\$47,680.00	\$465,079.68
203	MVH RESTRICTED	\$0.00	\$229,538.16	\$208,163.62	\$21,374.54
204	PARK & POOL	\$525,905.60	\$502,832.70	\$428,836.76	\$599,901.54
206	AVIATION	\$39,289.22	\$146,691.47	\$141,542.35	\$44,438.34
216	AMBULANCE	\$1,048,868.68	\$1,091,444.05	\$1,128,051.22	\$1,012,261.51
229	RDC CHECKING - NON TIF	\$412,831.59	\$4,751.21	\$213,015.09	\$204,567.71
230	CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT	\$42,190.43	\$25,378.96	\$23,853.73	\$43,715.66
231	AVIATION GRANT	\$0.00	\$21,375.00	\$21,375.00	\$0.00
232	BROWNFIELD GRANTS	\$738.03	\$0.00	\$738.03	\$0.00
233	LAW ENFORCEMENT CON'T ED	\$5,376.52	\$10,981.63	\$13,217.29	\$3,140.86
236	2010 CONST WORKS BOND	\$22,043.04	\$0.00	\$22,043.04	\$0.00
238	CINERGY METRONET TIF DIST	\$422,617.64	\$0.00	\$22,724.64	\$399,893.00
240	FORD METER BOX ALLOC.	\$0.00	\$154,625.00	\$154,625.00	\$0.00
241	MIAMI & MARKET (C. CREEK)	\$0.00	\$35,166.44	\$35,166.44	\$0.00
243	INNOVATIVE VENT. ALLOC.	\$764,020.57	\$1,541,848.48	\$2,305,869.05	\$0.00
249	PUBLIC SAFETY LOIT FUND	\$1,500,437.88	\$674,885.04	\$279,037.75	\$1,896,285.17
272	AVIATION REVOLVING	\$86,240.61	\$20,457.24	\$26,136.00	\$80,561.85
273	AVIATION-ROTARY FUND	\$25,314.19	\$47,284.39	\$60,883.01	\$11,715.57
300	RAINY DAY FUND	\$1,132,569.66	\$0.00	\$230,246.60	\$902,323.06
401	CUMMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPR.	\$105,613.76	\$94,452.36	\$14,930.78	\$185,135.34
403	PARK NON REVERT CAPITAL	\$6,284.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,284.28
418	REDEVELOPMENT BOND (PROC) 2017	\$0.00	\$1,868,671.58	\$1,807,013.02	\$61,658.56
420	STELLAR BAN 2015	\$461,412.22	\$717,889.75	\$846,346.12	\$332,955.85
444	CREDIT	\$1,414,305.51	\$718,117.50	\$756,621.04	\$1,375,801.97
445	REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	\$142,809.08	\$234,647.28	\$88,513.52	\$288,942.84
448	CLERK'S PER FUND	\$4,983.50	\$1,234.00	\$238.09	\$5,979.41
450	CIVIC FUND	\$3,138.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,138.47
701	PAYROLL	\$0.00	\$5,369,834.07	\$5,369,834.07	\$0.00
702	FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND	\$469,169.27	\$717,445.97	\$716,069.89	\$470,545.35
703	POLICE PENSION FUND	\$500,829.08	\$635,303.36	\$510,206.02	\$625,926.42
704	SELF INSURANCE	\$820,142.09	\$1,005,758.81	\$778,525.46	\$1,047,375.44
711	USER FEES	\$16,590.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$16,602.00
717	PENSION PAYROLL	\$0.00	\$1,200,275.91	\$1,200,275.91	\$0.00
772	COURT COST DUE COUNTY	\$688.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$688.45
774	PARK DONATION	\$3,736.58	\$16,200.00	\$19,936.50	\$0.08
775	OPERATION GOOD NEIGHBOR	\$7,057.46	\$6,437.00	\$5,217.00	\$8,277.46
780	STORMWATER	\$1,924,961.04	\$715,279.77	\$1,227,915.20	\$1,412,325.61
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT					
	SubTotal	\$22,331,978.41	\$28,168,142.50	\$27,630,934.87	\$22,869,186.04
606	SEWAGE	\$2,436,609.15	\$3,674,462.58	\$3,279,642.10	\$2,831,429.63
607	SEWAGE BOND & COUPON	\$268,803.04	\$974,689.97	\$973,206.26	\$270,286.75
609	SEWAGE DEBT RESERVE	\$677,462.80	\$100,481.40	\$0.00	\$777,944.20
691	SEWAGE-BOND PRCEEDS CONST. 2016	\$3,615,500.11	\$0.00	\$1,561,576.21	\$2,053,923.90
	SubTotal	\$6,998,375.10	\$4,749,633.95	\$5,814,424.57	\$5,933,584.48
	GRAND TOTAL	\$29,330,353.51	\$32,917,776.45	\$33,445,359.44	\$28,802,770.5w
Wendy Frazier Clerk Treasurer					HSPAXLP 1/17/2020